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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS DISPUTE IN CANTON

REF: HONG KONG 11524

1. USLO AND OTHER FOREIGN OBSERVERS IN CANTON FOR THE TRADE FAIR OBSERVED NUMEROUS PAINTED SLOGANS AND SOME POSTERS ON THE DISPUTE OVER TREATMENT OF DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS INCLUDING THOSE REPORTED REFTEL. ADDITIONAL SLOGANS READ WERE ALSO DATED OCTOBER 14. THEY CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTER'S POLICY ON DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS, DENOUNCED PLOTS OF THE LIN (PIAO) HUANG (YUNG-SHENG) CLIQUE AGAINST THEM, AND WARNED OF AGITATION AMONG THE MASSES IN CANTON. ONE SLOGAN REFERRED TO NATIONAL DOCUMENT 121 OF 1973 AND PROVINCIAL DOCUMENT 33 OF 1974 AS DEALING WITH POLICY REGARDING "UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SOLDIERS." MOST POSTERS SEEMED TO SUPPORT THE GRIEVANCES OF THE DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS, BUT A FEW SUCH AS ONE WHICH PRAISED "SENDING THE MILITARY BACK TO WORK" MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO PUT DOWN THE DEMOBILIZED ACTIVISTS.

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2. A PARTICULARLY INTERESTING POSTER ON THE WALL OF THE NAN YUAN RESTAURANT SHOWED LIN PIAO THROWING STRAW HATS FROM A LARGE PILE INTO A RAGING FIRE. THE CAPTION READ "STATEMENT OF DEMOBILIZED SERVICEMEN" AND UNDERNEATH WAS A SLOGAN WHICH SAID "WITH REGARD TO THE PARTY CENTRAL'S POLICY TO DENY THE JUST DEMANDS OF THE DEMOBILIZED SERVICEMEN, THESE DEMANDS ARE NOT ECONOMISM." WHILE THE SYMBOLISM OF THE STRAW HATS IS OBSCURE, THE MESSAGE THAT THE CAMPAIGN WAS PROTESTING THE CENTER'S REFUSAL TO GRANT THE DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS CERTAIN ECONOMIC BENEFITS WAS UNMISTAKABLE.

3. SLOGANS WERE OBSERVED WHICH CRITICIZED KUNG SHIH-CHUAN, CANTON FIRST SECRETARY CHIAO LIN-I, KWANTUNG RC VICE CHAIRMAN AND CANTON MR COMMANDER CH'U Kuo-Kuang, AND WU WEN-PIN (0702/2429/1755). ONE POSTER SAID CHIAO'S "SPEECH" INDICATED THAT "IF HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE LIN GANG THEN HE IS A DISCIPLE OF CONFUCIUS" AND ANOTHER CLAIMED HIS SPEECHES OF SEPTEMBER 25 AND 30 SHOWED A "VERY LOW LEVEL OF MARXISM-LENINISM".  
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